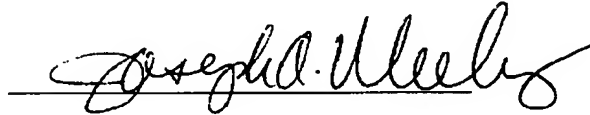


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1. Please insert the following section on page 1 before the Field of the Invention:

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/651,777, filed August 30, 2000, which is hereby incorporated by reference. --

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In the Claims

6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the administration [application] results in a steady-state testosterone 24-hour pharmacokinetic profile in the male subject, having [a small] an increase in circulating serum concentration of the testosterone greater than about 400 ng testosterone per dl serum at about two hours after administration [application] followed by a decrease to a testosterone concentration that remains relatively constant for the remainder of the day.

7. (Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the composition is administered daily for at least about 7 days [application results in a steady-state testosterone 24-hour pharmacokinetic profile approximating the profile shown in FIG. 1(c)].

8. (Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the relatively constant testosterone serum concentration is between about 400 [300] ng/dL and about 1,000 ng/dL.

9. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the administration [application] causes an increased average dihydrotestosterone serum concentration in the male subject.

10. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the administration [application] causes an increase in the bone mineral density of the male subject.

12. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the administration [application] causes increased libido in the male subject.

13. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the administration [application] causes improved sexual performance in the male subject.

14. (Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the improved sexual performance comprises an increase in the percentage of full erection by the male subject.

15. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the administration [application] causes improved mood in the male subject.

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16. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the administration [application] causes increased muscle strength in the male subject.

18. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the administration [application] causes improved body composition in the male subject.

20. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the administration [application] causes negligible skin irritation.